

## Agenda – Plenary

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Meeting Venue:

Y Siambr – Y Senedd

Meeting date:

Wednesday, 10 January 2018

Meeting time: 13.30

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#### 1 Questions to the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport (45 mins)

The Presiding Officer will call Party Spokespeople to ask questions without notice to the Cabinet Secretary after Question 2.

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#### 2 Questions to the Counsel General (15 mins)

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#### 3 Topical Questions (20 mins)

To ask the Cabinet Secretary for Health and Social Services:

[Angela Burns \(Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire\)](#) Will the Cabinet Secretary provide an update on the crisis in the Welsh NHS this winter, in light of reports that services are at breaking point?

To ask the First Minister:

[Simon Thomas \(Mid and West Wales\)](#): Will the First Minister make a statement on the impact of the EU Withdrawal Bill on Wales, given that the UK Government has not tabled amendments relating to devolution to the Bill?



[Suzy Davies \(South Wales West\)](#): Will the First Minister make a statement on the announcement this morning of Welsh Government capital funding for the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon?

**4 90 Second Statements**

(5 mins)

**5 Debate on the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs  
Committee report: Turning the tide? Report of the inquiry into the  
Welsh Government's approach to Marine Protected Area  
management**

(60 mins)

**NDM6620 [Mike Hedges \(Swansea East\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Notes the report of the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs Committee on 'Turning the tide? Report of the inquiry into the Welsh Government's approach to Marine Protected Area management', which was [laid](#) in the Table Office on 7 August 2017.

Note: The response by the Welsh Government was [laid](#) on 3 October 2017.

**Supporting documents**

[Letter from the Chair of the Committee to the Cabinet Secretary - 3 October 2017](#)

[Response from the Cabinet Secretary to the Chair of the Committee - 2 November 2017](#)

## 6 Welsh Conservatives debate

(60 mins)

### NDM6619 [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the inability of the Welsh road network to cope with the current level of demand from motorists.
2. Regrets that Wales's substandard road infrastructure is costing the Welsh economy hundreds of millions of pounds a year.
3. Acknowledges the vital importance of a fit-for-purpose and proper functioning road network for the long-term development of the Welsh economy.
4. Calls on the Welsh Government to work with the UK Government to look at innovative ways of funding future road projects.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

#### **Amendment 1. [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Recognises the importance of a reliable and efficient road network as part of an integrated and sustainable multi-modal transport system that can support the economy and communities of Wales.
2. Notes the Welsh Government's recently published National Transport Finance Plan that sets out an ambitious programme of road, rail, bus and active travel improvements as part of a balanced and sustainable plan for transport investment.

3. Recognises the Welsh Government's plan to develop a five year programme of transport capital funding to support road, rail, bus and active travel infrastructure investment.

4. Calls on the UK Government to ensure Wales gets its fair share of UK infrastructure investment and to work with the Welsh Government to examine innovative ways of funding future projects.

### [National Transport Finance Plan](#)

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendments 2 and 3 will be de-selected]*

#### **Amendment 2. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

Add as new point after point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Believes that in order to better connect Wales's communities, improve the quality of journeys for commuters and develop the Welsh economy, appropriate investment in all modes of transport, not just roads, is required, including railways, coaches and buses, air and water.

#### **Amendment 3. [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

Add as new point after point 3 and renumber accordingly:

Regrets the Welsh Government's intention to commit all of its capital borrowing budget to build the M4 'Black route'.

## **7 Plaid Cymru debate**

(60 mins)

### **NDM6621 [Rhun ap Iorwerth \(Ynys Môn\)](#)**

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

Calls on the Welsh Government to abolish 'priority need' within the homelessness system and replace it with a duty to provide accommodation for all homeless

people regardless of why they are homeless, as part of a move towards a 'housing first' policy.

**The following amendments have been tabled:**

**Amendment 1. [Julie James \(Swansea West\)](#)**

Delete all and replace with:

To propose that the National Assembly for Wales:

1. Notes the positive impact that the Welsh Government's statutory framework under the Housing (Wales) Act 2014 has had in focusing the homelessness system onto prevention of homelessness and the firm foundation this provides for further action.
2. Recognises the increasing pressures on the system and particular issues for some groups.
3. Calls on the Welsh Government to consider abolishing 'priority need' within the homelessness system and replacing it with a duty to provide an offer of suitable accommodation for all homeless people regardless of why they are homeless, as part of a move towards a comprehensive approach to ending homelessness in Wales which includes a 'housing first' policy.

[Housing \(Wales\) Act 2014](#)

*[If amendment 1 is agreed, amendment 2 will be de-selected]*

**Amendment 2. [Paul Davies \(Preseli Pembrokeshire\)](#)**

Delete all before "as part of a move towards a 'housing first' policy" and replace with:

"Notes with concern the increase in homelessness in Wales and calls on the Welsh government to establish a cross party commission to agree a homelessness strategy to include ending rough sleeping by 2020,"

## 8 Voting Time

## 9 Short Debate

(30 mins)

NDM6615 [Janet Finch-Saunders \(Aberconwy\)](#)

Calling for a charter for 'Dignity in Retirement and the Security of Older People'

The Assembly will sit again in Plenary at 13.30, Tuesday, 16 January 2018

# Oral Assembly Questions tabled on 03/01/2018 for answer on 10/01/2018

The Presiding Officer will call Party Leaders to ask questions without notice to the First Minister after Question 2.

## Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport

**Vikki Howells** *Cynon Valley*

1 OAQ51518

What are the Welsh Government's priorities for improving public transport links for Cynon Valley residents in 2018?

**Rhun ap Iorwerth** *Ynys Môn*

2 OAQ51522 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the economic benefits of infrastructure developments on Ynys Môn?

**Janet Finch-Saunders** *Aberconwy*

3 OAQ51504

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the impact of winter storms on the road networks?

**Russell George** *Montgomeryshire*

4 OAQ51513

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's plans to grow the mid-Wales economy?

**Angela Burns** *Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire*

5 OAQ51502

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the number of businesses adversely affected by force majeure?

**David Melding** *South Wales Central*

6 OAQ51500

What assessment has the Cabinet Secretary made of the current economic state of the construction sector?

**Mick Antoniw** *Pontypridd*

7 OAQ51516

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the benefits to the Welsh economy of the living wage?

**Mohammad Asghar** *South Wales East*

8 OAQ51507

What action will the Welsh Government take to improve roads in south-east Wales in 2018?

**Jenny Rathbone** *Cardiff Central*

9 OAQ51503

Following last year's bus service improvement consultation, what is the Welsh Government's strategy for securing a sustainable bus network serving the whole of Wales?

**Dawn Bowden** *Merthyr Tydfil and Rhymney*

10 OAQ51517 **WITHDRAWN**

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the use of the pinch-point programme on the A470 in Merthyr Tydfil?

**Sian Gwenllian** *Arfon*

11 OAQ51520 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on the Welsh Government's vision for the north Wales economy?

**Andrew R.T. Davies** *South Wales Central*

12 OAQ51495

Will the Cabinet Secretary make a statement on how the Welsh Government's economic policies will improve take-home pay in Wales?

**Suzy Davies** *South Wales West*

13 OAQ51499

Who is currently advising the Cabinet Secretary on decisions to approve applications made to the media investment budget?

**Nick Ramsay** *Monmouth*

14 OAQ51497

How is the Welsh Government supporting private sector initiatives designed to promote Monmouth as the gateway to south Wales?

**John Griffiths** *Newport East*

15 OAQ51498

How does the Welsh Government's prioritisation of walking, cycling and public transport over private motor cars impact on the allocation of resources within the economy and transport portfolio?

## Counsel General

**David Rees** *Aberavon*

1 OAQ51510

What discussions has the Counsel General had with UK counterparts in relation to the retention of the EU charter of fundamental rights in UK law following Brexit?

**Simon Thomas** *Mid and West Wales*

2 OAQ51493 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

What assessment has the Welsh Government made of the impact of the Acts of Union 1535-42 on the Welsh constitution?



**Joyce Watson** *Mid and West Wales*

3 OAQ51523

In light of the Lammy Review, will the Counsel General make a statement on diversity in the Welsh legal profession?

**Simon Thomas** *Mid and West Wales*

4 OAQ51494 [Tabled in Welsh](#)

What discussions has the Counsel General held regarding the Welsh Government's ability to use its new powers under the Wales Act 2017?